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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY 8 EDITION OF THE
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS:

QUOTE: BOTSWANA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE DECIDED
TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AS FROM
DECEMBER, 1OURN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.
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THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES "ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE."

LAST MARCH THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND ORDERED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAIWAN REGIME IN BOTSWANA TO WIND UP ALL THEIR ACTIVITIES AND LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED IT IS TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH ANOTHER COMMUNIST STATE, THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA. END QUOTE.
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